



## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
HIROSHI KOGA	Crown Art Units 2121
Application No.: 09/987,833	: Group Art Unit: 2131
Filed: November 16, 2001	)
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

## (1) JPA 02-059963

This document was cited in a Japanese Office Action for a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed. In addition, an English-language translation and an abstract for the Japanese document are enclosed, and are believed to provide a concise explanation of relevance.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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